

A Message from Bishop Malone:

Dear Parishioners and School Parents:

After additional consideration and consultation, Bishop Richard Malone has decided to put on hold the assignment of Fr. Joseph Gatto to St. Christopher's Parish. This decision is the result of continued thoughtful evaluation and discernment of the parish's needs. Bishop Malone will continue to consult with diocesan officials and others regarding Fr. Gatto's next assignment.

In September, Fr. Gatto was placed on administrative leave due to allegations, by adults, of apparent advances. He underwent professional evaluation and remedial measures in accordance with diocesan policies and protocols. The evidence regarding the investigation of these matters was presented to the Independent Diocesan Review Board, which recommended findings that the improper conduct did not rise to the level that would require removal from active priestly ministry.

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